

REMARKS

With this Amendment, claims 9 and 10 are cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-8 and 11-20 are all the claims currently pending in the present Application.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-14 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Ouchi (U.S. Patent 6,493,149) in view of Lambert (U.S. Patent 6,288,815). Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Ouchi in view of Lambert and Bierhuzen (U.S. Patent 6,839,095). Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Ouchi in view of Lambert, Bierhuzen, and Ito (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0180933). Claims 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Ouchi in view of Lambert and Shahzad (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0191154).

Regarding claim 1, Applicants submit that none of the cited references teaches or suggests a plurality of spirally-arranged lens cells. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the cited combinations of references and that claims 2-8 and 11-20 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependence on claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1-8 and 11-20 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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